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TWO CENTS.

SETTLEMENT BY COMMISSION

Arrangement for Adjusting Differences Between U. S. and Mexico

WANT APPROVAL BY THE NATIONS' LEADERS

Powers to Be Conferred Upon the Commission One of the Chief Points in Discussion Between Representatives of Governments.

WASHINGTON, July 20. — Announcement that settlement of differences between the United States and Mexico will be made through a joint commission is looked for in the immediate future. Only final approval by President Wilson and General Carranza is lacking, it was said today. Powers to be conferred on a commission if one is agreed on have formed one of the chief points of discussion in preliminary negotiations between Acting Secretary of State Polk and Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador designate. Already reports have come to Secretary Lansing on a vacation and to the Mexican government. Mr. Polk is expected to take the question up also with President Wilson.

ENGAGEMENTS WERE IN FAVOR OF FRENCH

Made Large Gains in the Somme Region and Progressed on East Branch of the Meuse.

PARIS, July 20. — French attacks on the Somme region were delivered last night on both sides of the river. On the north bank trenches in the Hardecourt sector were taken while south of the river all the French front line trenches between Barleux and Soyecourt fell into French hands. The trenches captured on the north bank run from Hardecourt-Mamelon to the east along the railway from Comblies to Clercy. Four hundred prisoners were captured in this operation.

In the Verdun region there was a continuous bombardment on the Avois and Chantonnay sectors on the left bank of the Meuse with a general engagement to the northeast of Hill No. 304. On the east bank of the Meuse the French progressed west of the Thiaumont earthwork, while to the south of Flury they took a strongly fortified German post together with 150 prisoners. A German aeroplane was brought down in the Somme region east of Peronne.

GREAT BATTLE DEVELOPING.

Results Thus Far Have Been Favorable to the Russians.

LONDON, July 20. — A wireless despatch from Rome says it is reported from Petrograd that a great battle is developing at Jabolnitz, the result of which thus far has been favorable to the Russians. In addition to the heavy fighting in the Carpathians the despatch says the Russian offensive has been resumed before Kovel and in the Riga area. Jabolnitz is in the Carpathians south of Kolomea near the northern end of one of the mountain passes leading to Hungary.

BRITISH GAINING.

Occupy New Positions After Heavy Fighting on Somme Front.

LONDON, July 20. — Heavy fighting continues on the Somme front. The war office announced today that the British had gained ground in Delville wood and Longueval. North of the Longueval-Buzard position the British pushed forward their line. East of the Leipzig redoubt bombing parties made a substantial advance during the night.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Thursday, July 20, at 7:30 p. m. — Regular meeting of Oasis encampment.

DEUTSCHLAND IS HIDDEN FROM VIEW

Great Precautions Taken to Guard the Partially Submerged Submarine at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, July 20. — At dawn today the screen of tugs and barges was drawn about the submarine merchantman, Deutschland, indicating that she would not leave here for several hours at least. To all appearances she was ready to start on her return voyage to Germany last night. This morning, just before she was submerged to about the same depth as when she came into this port with a full cargo.

All through the night the tug Timmins played its searchlights over land and water, practically covering all approaches to the pier where the Deutschland is berthed. Toward midnight the vigilance of the German guards about the pier tightened. Several launches were found hovering about the waters near the submarine and while the Timmins threw its searchlight beams upon the strange craft the night superintendent of the Eastern Forwarding company, local agents of the submarine, made a long tour in a motor boat of the waters about the pier to inspect the mysterious visitors.

Prepared to leave port at any moment, Captain Paul Koenig, commander of the Deutschland, put on his uniform today for the first time since he landed here 11 days ago and when he went aboard the vessel he said he would not leave his ship again and indicated an early departure, but said nothing that would give an idea just when the submarine would leave.

MANY DROWNED IN SOUTHERN FLOODS

Seventy-three Persons Known to Have Perished and Nine Are Still Reported Missing.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., July 20. — The list of dead from Sunday's flood in five southeastern states, which has been constantly growing as the channels of communication were restored, stood at 72 today with nine persons still reported missing. Most of the deaths have been in western North Carolina and investigators returning yesterday from the isolated mountain hamlets brought reports that raised the death toll from yesterday's 34.

SIX CARRANZISTAS KILLED.

Villa Force Attacks Supply Train But Is Beaten Off.

EL PASO, Texas, July 20. — Six Carranzista soldiers were killed in the Villista attack upon a Carranzista supply train at Palomas, Chihuahua, on Monday, according to private despatches here. The despatch carried with previous reports from Chihuahua City which indicated the attack took place Tuesday.

Other reports reaching here said that a band of about 50 outlaws under Nicholas Hernandez, also is operating in the vicinity of Palomas. It is believed here that the remnants of the band under Martin Lopez, which was beaten off by the train guard in the attack may attempt to effect a junction with this command.

The despatch reaching here said that the Villa followers had been able to seize none of the supplies and indicated that their dead number seven.

HAS NOT STRUCK COAST.

But Warnings of Tropical Storm Are Out at Many Points.

WASHINGTON, July 20. — The tropical storm, making its way up the Atlantic coast from the West Indies, apparently was centered this morning 200 miles off the North Carolina coast about eastward of Cape Hatteras. Very little information had reached the weather bureau early today concerning its intensity. The only report came by radio from ships at sea in the vicinity of the storm. Storm warnings were ordered to continue at all stations from Hatteras to Boston except at Baltimore.

MAIL CONFISCATED.

British Took All of the First Class Mail from a Dutch Steamer.

BERLIN, by wireless, July 20. — A despatch from Amsterdam says the British authorities confiscated the entire first class mail of the Holland-American steamship Noordam on her last trip from New York to Rotterdam.

MYSTERY IS NOT REVEALED

Dr. Celia Adams Died from Poisoning, But Circumstances Are Unknown

DR. HARRIS HAS A FIGHTING CHANCE

Physicians Endeavoring to Save Life of Osteopathic Physician Who Was Wounded by Three Bullets Fired by a Jealous Rival.

BOSTON, July 20. — Hospital physicians attending Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, president of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, said today that he had a "fighting chance" to recover from the three bullet wounds inflicted Tuesday by Dr. Eldridge, also an osteopath. While the physicians were exerting every effort to save the life of the patient the police were endeavoring to clear up the mystery surrounding the death by poisoning of Dr. Celia Adams, Dr. Atwood's fiancée, which occurred a few hours before the shooting of Dr. Harris. The autopsy failed to reveal when, where and under what circumstances this poison was received.

Temporary insanity will be the defense of Dr. Atwood when he is brought to trial for the shooting of Dr. Harris unless present plans are changed, it was intimated today. A predisposition to insanity probably will be established if this is possible. Atwood was visited today by Attorney E. W. Kenney. Later the lawyer said: "There is no doubt that the young man was deranged for the time being when he shot Dr. Harris. It seems clear also that there has been insanity in the family."

Attorney Kenney denied some statements attributed to Atwood. "As I understand it," he said, "my client has said only that Dr. Harris had an influence over Miss Adams that prevented her marriage to Atwood. So far as I know he has made no claim that the young woman was in a state of health that was a bar to their union."

Medical Examiner Magrath said today that no significance other than appeared on its face was to be attached to his statement of last night that it was not apparent from any facts then in his possession "when, where and under what circumstances" the poison that killed Dr. Adams was received.

"I did not intend to intimate that the girl might have been murdered or to draw any conclusion whatever as to whether the drug was self-administered or otherwise," he said. "My examination did not reveal a physical condition that might be expected to result in low spirits and a consequent tendency to self-destruction."

CAPTURE OF VILLA IS HOURLY EXPECTED

Messenger, Taken Prisoner Yesterday, Is Said to Have Revealed Whereabouts of Bandit.

GALVESTON, Tex., July 20. — The capture of Francisco Villa by cavalry of the de facto government is momentarily expected, according to a cablegram received today by Juan A. Maloos, Mexican consul here. The message said a Villa messenger captured yesterday by Carranza troops told of Villa's whereabouts and that a force has been sent to capture him.

LYMAN B. SEWELL.

Father of Mrs. George Holland of Brattleboro Dies in Montague.

Lyman B. Sewell, 76, of Montague, Mass., was stricken with paralysis last week Thursday, and died at his home Tuesday afternoon. He was born in Maine but moved to Lowell, Mass., with his parents, where his boyhood was spent and from which place he enlisted in the Civil War. He went to Montague from Newfaun, in 1876 and has always been an interested and loyal citizen. He was a blacksmith and worked at his trade until infirmities of age came upon him and compelled him to give up work. He was a member of the Congregational church and was seldom absent except in case of illness. He was a charter member of Armstrong post of Montague and largely instrumental in its organization, and never tired of recalling detailed memories of his service in the Civil War. He leaves his wife, one son, Albert Sewell of Fitchburg, and three daughters, Mrs. George Holland of Brattleboro, Mrs. Fred Scott and Mrs. Councilman of Montague; also a sister, Mary Sewell of Lowell. Funeral services were held at the family residence this afternoon. The burial took place in Elm Grove cemetery, where the service was conducted by the G. A. R.

THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight — Friday Increasing Cloudiness—Shifting Winds.

WASHINGTON, July 20. — The weather forecast: Fair tonight, Friday increasing cloudiness, probably rain near the coast. Moderate shifting winds.

DEATH RATE INCREASING

Infantile Paralysis Kills 31 Children in Last 24 Hours in New York

119 NEW CASES ARE ALSO REPORTED TODAY

Only One Day Since the Outbreak Has the Showing Been More—Total of 487 Deaths and 2,446 Cases Since Beginning of Epidemic.

NEW YORK, July 20. — On only one day since the inception of the epidemic of infantile paralysis, on June 26, have more fatalities from the disease occurred than in the last 24 hours. During this period the plague killed 31 children and there were 119 new cases reported in the five boroughs of New York city. Since the beginning of the epidemic there have been 487 deaths and 2,446 cases.

WANT INTERVENTION BY THE GOVERNMENT

Strike of Cloak Makers Threatens to Cut Off the Supply of Woman's Clothing.

WASHINGTON, July 20. — President Wilson today received a request from Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, Cleveland H. Dodge and Barton Hepburn and several other New York men asking that the federal government intervene in the cloakmakers' strike which has been in progress in New York city for 12 weeks.

The petition was made on the ground that the strike threatened the supply of women's clothing for the whole nation. The President referred the petition to the department of labor and commerce with the request that immediate action be taken. The bureau of conciliation probably will undertake negotiations for settlement of the strike.

JURY DRAWN TO HEAR BOYD CASE

Trial on Charge of Breach of Peace to Be Held in Municipal Court Monday Morning, July 31.

A jury was drawn this morning in the municipal court to hear the case of the state against Harry Boyd, charged with breach of the peace in driving an automobile on July 3 and causing injuries to Mrs. William M. Randall and Nelson Derby. The case is set for trial Monday, July 31, at 9 o'clock.

The following comprise the jury: M. G. Williams, E. E. Knight, Lyman P. Bailey and George T. Quinn of Putney; F. C. Cutler, J. C. Taft and Charles H. Willard of Newfaun, W. D. Spark and F. E. Willard of Newfaun, Gerald Adams and C. D. Dalrymple of Marlboro and A. E. Hadlock of West Townshend.

OPPORTUNITIES IN RUSSIA.

Banker McRoberts Is Enthusiastic Over Conditions There.

STOCKHOLM, July 20, via London. — After spending two months in Russia, during which time he arranged a loan of \$50,000,000 to the Russian government and also provided for the establishment of branch banks, Samuel McRoberts, senior vice president of the National City bank in New York, sailed for New York. Mr. McRoberts made a careful study of conditions in Russia.

"The war," he said, "has awakened Russia beyond all conception and the country now offers a wonderful opportunity to American capital and business enterprises. The people of America do not appreciate the extent of the Russian market or Russian resources, but should prepare now for a great Russian trade after the war."

"I think the greatest opportunity lies in the establishment of branch factories in Russia, thus making American enterprise independent of foreign shipping."

TO DISCUSS WILSON'S REQUEST.

Senate Democratic Caucus Will Consider Legislative Program.

WASHINGTON, July 20. — President Wilson's request that the child labor bill be passed by the senate before adjournment of congress will be submitted to a caucus of senate Democrats, to be held probably next Tuesday night.

The Democratic steering committee held a short session yesterday to consider the request but decided it was powerless to change the legislative program agreed upon by the Democratic caucus last week, placing child labor legislation in a secondary position where it has little chance of coming up by Aug. 19, the date agreed on for adjournment. The committee will meet again Friday to set a date for another caucus.

Paris has a theater with reversible floor, one side intended for dancing and the other for the seats.

BOY DROWNED IN SWIMMING

John Fleming Lost Life in Canal Near Elm Street Just Before Noon

THREE COMPANIONS FLED IN FRIGHT

Body Recovered by Fred Hecock, Who Ran from His Garage as Soon as Notified — Pulmotor Used Too Late for Resuscitation.

While Fred Hecock was at work in his motorcycle garage on Elm street about noon today someone notified him that a boy had been drowned in the water in the brook below Elm street about half an hour before. Mr. Hecock ran to the swimming hole, plunged in and dragged out the lifeless body of John Fleming, 16, son of John Fleming of Elliot street.

For two hours efforts at resuscitation were kept up, first by the old methods and later with the aid of the pulmotor. Dr. Henry Tucker was the first physician on the scene and was followed by Dr. Thomas Rice.

When the pulmotor was brought no one present knew how to operate it, but Hecock, who had gone back to his garage to change his clothing, again responded and operated the machine. It was not until after 2 o'clock that hopes of resuscitation were given up.

Fleming, it was learned, was in swimming with three other boys, all smaller and younger than he. None of them could be found after the accident, and it is believed that they became frightened and ran away when the older boy failed to come to the surface. One of them later mustered up courage to report the accident, but it was then too late to restore life.

The drowned boy leaves his father, three sisters and two brothers. The father is employed at E. B. Barrows & Co.'s coal sheds.

Miles Hill said this afternoon that he had been in swimming and had dived and gone to the spring nearby to fill a water jug when a companion called to him that Fleming had sunk.

Hill says he threw a broom handle that was near to his companion, who extended it to Fleming, who grasped it but let go and sank. Hill says he then ran to telephone for a doctor and to send for someone to get the boy out of the water. He thinks it was 15 minutes before Mr. Hecock responded to the call. He fixes the time of the accident at 12:30 o'clock. He said that Fleming could swim a little and had been in the water only a few minutes.

LARGE TICKET SALE FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Committee Makes Report to Chairman — No Season Tickets to Be on Sale After Next Thursday.

The ticket selling committee for the local Chautauqua made its first report to the chairman last evening. In spite of the hot weather with which the canvassers have had to contend the returns from the 12 districts, although incomplete, indicate the sale of all the tickets guaranteed.

It is very important, however, that the remaining pledges for tickets be redeemed promptly. The canvassers should not be compelled to make more than one call, as it is no easy task for 12 or 15 persons to cover the town in the few days allotted to the sale. Any one wanting tickets who has not already signed a pledge for them should secure them at once as no season tickets will be on sale after Thursday, July 27.

SHARK AT MATAWAN.

Seven-Foot Fish Killed Yesterday at Entrance to Creek.

MATAWAN, N. J., July 20. — A shark seven feet long and weighing about 200 pounds, was killed at the entrance of Matawan creek yesterday afternoon. Although many persons have reported seeing sharks in the narrow stream, which is 16 miles from the ocean, this is the first instance in which one has been killed since the tragedy here July 12, when a boy was killed and a young man who tried to rescue him, so seriously injured he died soon afterward.

Capt. Thomas C. Cottrell and Richard Lee, returning from a fishing trip in Raritan bay in a small power boat, encountered the shark. It was one of the diamond-tooth blue-nose variety, they said, and appeared to be headed for the bay with the outgoing tide. The men threw out their net and the shark became entangled. After a struggle, in which it was said the sea tiger nearly overturned the boat, Capt. Cottrell struck it with a heavy iron pipe. This stunned the shark. The fishermen were then able to drag it to the side of their craft and kill it.

OCCUPIED BY RUSSIANS.

Czar's Soldiers Take Kagi, Important Point in the Caucasus.

PETROGRAD, via London, July 20. — The war office announced today that Kagi, an important point in the Caucasus, was occupied by the Russians on Tuesday.

STATE ROAD WORK ACROSS THE RIVER

Improved Highway 21 Feet Wide from Point Opposite Railroad Bridge to Top of Thomas Hill.

(Special to The Reformer.)

HINSDALE, N. H., July 20. The new state road between this town and Brattleboro is now being finished from the north end of the strip put in by the Boston & Maine railroad about opposite the railroad bridge, to the top of Thomas hill and is very satisfactory. The grades have been improved, the curves widened and straightened as much as possible and the entire highway made 21 feet wide, which meant much digging at places into the east bank.

Rapid progress has been made by Foreman C. C. Plimpton, who is doing the work under the direction of the selectmen who, accompanied by Division Engineer C. M. Brooks of Keene, recently inspected the road and at the same time considered the alterations necessary on Thomas hill, where a cut of four feet will be made at the top and a fill of rock and gravel about five feet in depth will be made at the foot. The curve at this point will be greatly widened and the several telephone and electric wire poles moved up the bank some distance. The gravel for this section of the road will be obtained in Brattleboro.

The state has relieved Contractor Helyar of further responsibility in connection with the expensive bound macadam road put in on Brattleboro street under its direction last year and has arranged to take over the remaining material on the site. The state will now assume all responsibility for this road until fully and satisfactorily completed, with no expense whatever to the town. It is thought that the binder which the oil company furnished was not as ordered and the matter is now being investigated.

The strip of road between Streeter's hill and Sand hill will be constructed of gravel by the town and work will begin next week, if teams are available.

TRAVELING PUBLIC WANTS PARLOR CARS

Increasing Demand, Even on Short Train Rides — Requests at Local Station Every Morning.

It is a noticeable fact, railroad men claim, that the traveling public is demanding more and more parlor car service even for short train rides. There is scarcely a morning that there are not requests for reservations at the local office for the morning locals both north and south. This morning four people wanted parlor car seats on the southbound local and were disappointed to learn that there was no parlor car attached to that train.

MONEY TO BOYS ON BORDER.

Western Union Telegraph Co. Will Send It at Half Usual Rate.

The Western Union Telegraph Co. announces that until further notice it will make telegraphic transfers of money to members of the National Guard who have been mustered into the federal service at the Mexican border, at one-half the usual charges for such service. It is understood that in their hurried departure many of the guardsmen failed to receive one of the high cost at the border of some of the conveniences and comforts which are not included in the provision which Uncle Sam makes for his soldiers, and their relatives and friends doubtless will be interested to learn of this arrangement where, by such approved funds can be quickly transferred by telegraph at a low cost. The proposition is the more attractive from the fact that messages of affection, cheer, etc., may be incorporated in the transfers at a small added charge for the extra words involved.

CAVALRY NOW TRANSFERRED.

Major Wallace Batchelder Returns to Aviation Squadron.

(Special to The Reformer.) CAMP GOVERNOR GATES, July 20. The men of the 1st Vermont Cavalry were transferred yesterday to Colonel Reeves's regiment, the 1st Vermont infantry, to form mounted scouts, supply company, and a machine gun company. Under the new law a regiment is a very large organization and may contain about 2,400 men. This will put all Vermont troops under command of Colonel Ira L. Reeves, president of Norwich university.

Of the officers of the 1st Vermont Cavalry, some are detailed for recruiting duty, some as military instructors in mobilization camps, and Major Wallace Batchelder, the commanding officer of the cavalry, will return to the aviation squadron, where he was when ordered from Washington to take command of the cavalry.

SERVICES AT WEST HALIFAX.

Rev. H. L. Thornton to Supply at Universalist Church This Summer.

Rev. George F. Fortier of St. Albans, state superintendent of Universalist churches, announces that Rev. H. L. Thornton, pastor of the Universalist church in St. Albans will serve as summer pastor at West Halifax. Superintendent Fortier has recently established services at West Halifax for the first time in several years. Mr. Thornton, who is at present visiting his father in Rockville, Conn., will begin his summer pastorate next Sunday.

TO ELIMINATE STIFF GRADE

Important Road Improvement Contemplated North of Crosby Pond

UPPER ROAD WILL BE DISCONTINUED

Lower Road to Be Raised and Widened—Expense About \$1,000—County Road Commissioner Expects to Begin the Work About Aug. 15.

County Road Commissioner D. T. Perry is doing what work on Flat street he can until such time as the poles now in the street are removed. This work is being accomplished as rapidly as possible by the line-men, who have been hampered by the non-arrival of the necessary materials. Mr. Perry hopes to begin the work of preparing the street for paving with a big force of men next week.

The trap rock for Western highway is being laid, arrived yesterday and the work of teaming it to the place where it is needed was started. With reasonable luck as to weather that stretch of road will be completed in a few days.

Mr. Perry has arranged with a contractor, who has gathered a force of men together, to be on top of Hogback mountain on the Wilmington road Aug. 1 and camp out there until such time as the work of making a good road in that section is completed.

With that matter disposed of, Mr. Perry expects that by Aug. 15 he will be able to start work on a big improvement on the Dummerston road just north of Crosby pond. This has been under consideration for two or three years. It will eliminate a stiff grade on the east road, or hill road, besides several bad curves, as well as to partly eliminate the big curve just north of the pond.

The improvement contemplated turning the tide of travel permanently into the lower road. From the intersection with the upper road, just north of the pond, the road will be raised and widened for a distance of 200 to 300 yards north. There it will be turned off through what is now private property and by a very easy grade will again join the upper road. This plan eliminates the steep pitch and two dangerous curves in the upper road.

When this has been done that section of the upper road just north of Crosby pond will be discontinued permanently. It is estimated that the work will cost about \$1,000 and the expense will be paid out of the reserve fund of the state, being an addition to the Dummerston share of the state money.

However strong a gale may be blowing, not a breath of wind is felt by the occupants of a balloon.

The new thoughts of today are the old ones of yesterday, paraphrased.

Hot Weather Accessories

- Summer Suits, \$5, \$7.50, \$10
- Thin Coats, black and gray alpaca \$2.50 and \$3
- Khaki Pants, best made \$1 and \$1.50
- Negligee Shirts 50c, \$1, \$1.50
- Dusters \$2, \$3, \$5
- Union Suits, all kinds \$1, \$1.50, \$2
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